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U.S. Health and Human Services COVID-19 Testing Program

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# Program Purpose and Overview

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is funding four regional coordination centers providing expanded COVID-19 testing access to help schools and congregate settings safely reopen, remain open, and reach underserved populations
- All supplies, shipping, and testing are **free of cost**
- Midwest Coordination Center (MCC) provides COVID-19 testing in 16 Midwestern states
- Sites are registered and paired with certified partner laboratories that provide FDA authorized standard RT-PCR testing authorized under FDA Emergency Use Authorization
- Serial screening tests of individuals who have no symptoms help quickly identify potentially contagious cases and prevent further transmission or future outbreaks



# How it Works



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## COORDINATION CENTER



- Registers facilities
- Pairs facilities with partner testing labs
- Provides training and customer support on program participation
- Coordinates distribution of sample collection and shipping supplies
- Coordinates reporting of results to individuals, schools, and facilities

## SCHOOLS AND CONGREGATE SETTINGS



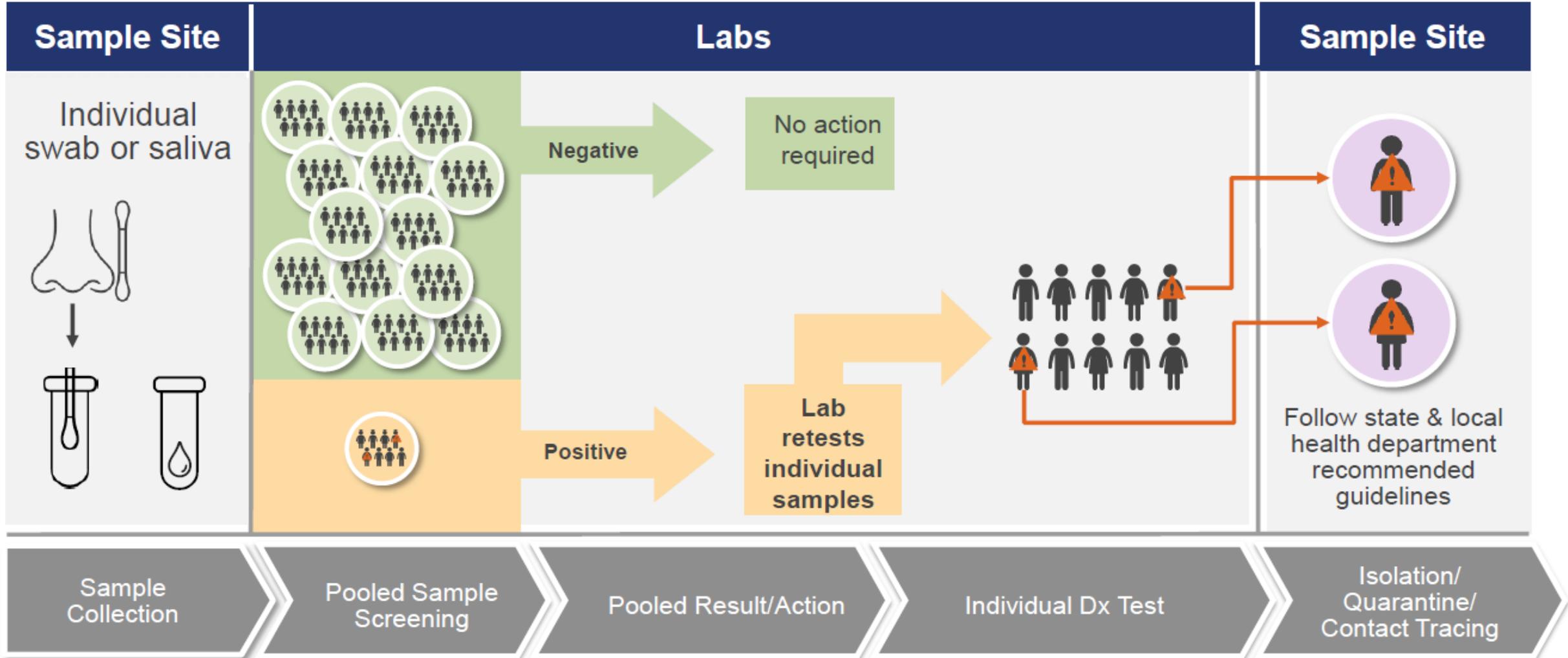
- Develops local testing plan
- Obtains testing consent documents and authorizations to release test results (with help of Coordination Center Guardian/Participant portal, if desired)
- Coordinates sample collection and sends samples for testing
- Acts based on screening and individual results

## PARTNER TESTING LABS



- Provides sample collection supplies
- Receives and tests samples
- Reports results to Midwest Coordination Center and public health authorities

# Testing Overview

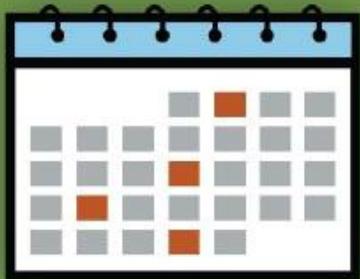


# Testing Plan

Schools or congregate facilities will develop a Testing Plan

## A Testing Plan includes:

Testing Schedule  
& Frequency



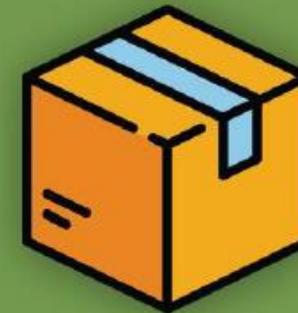
Targeted Testing  
Population



Process for  
Collecting Samples



Process for  
Shipping Samples



Follow-up Actions  
Based on Results



# FAQs – General Testing



## What types of tests will be performed?

- We provide screening that uses polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing to participating sites. These tests will be either nasal swabs or saliva sampling, depending on which lab a site is paired with.

## How much does it cost to test?

- Testing under this program is free – the kits, shipping and lab testing are paid for by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## How quickly will we get the results?

- Test results will be available within 24 - 48 hours from the time the samples are shipped to the lab.

## Who can supervise sample collection?

- The samples for this program are all self-collected. Your assigned partner lab provides training materials with information on how to obtain samples and staff at your facility follow these procedures to oversee sample collection. Sites will be responsible for ensuring that the individuals who oversee sample collection are appropriately trained.

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